

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-125-88

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: AFDC HOMELESS ASSISTANCE

REFERENCE: MPP 44-211.5

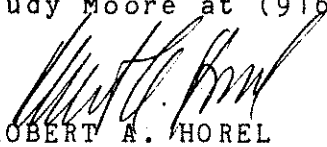
This letter is to inform you of recent activities concerning AFDC homeless assistance (HA). The State Department of Social Services' (SDSS) management recently met with representatives from the County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) to discuss the administration of HA.

At this meeting the Welfare Program Division proposed several options as possible alternatives to the AFDC Homeless Assistance Program as it is currently being administered. CWDA asked the Department to explore the feasibility of a demonstration project which would eliminate cash temporary shelter payments and allow counties to contract with shelters and motels. Recipients would be given vouchers to enable them to stay at the shelters or motels. SDSS is currently exploring the feasibility of this alternative and the possibility of piloting the alternative in three counties.

In addition, staff from the AFDC and Food Stamp Policy Implementation Bureau made on-site visits to several counties in December to evaluate the administration and reporting of HA. During our visits, we interviewed managerial and eligibility worker staff involved with HA. In January regional workshops will be provided to county staff addressing areas of potential problems. The Fraud Program Management Bureau will also be contacting counties to interview SIU's and other county staff regarding fraud occurring in the HA Program. The purpose of these visits will be to quantify the types of abuses occurring and to determine what the Department can do to assist counties in preventing fraud in this program.

The homeless assistance indicator is being implemented through IEVS and will be available January 1, 1989. More information and instructions will follow in a separate All County Letter.

If you have any questions about these activities, please contact
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